

## Vanishing American Role Decried by Wheat Growers

National Association of Wheat Growers closed its 15th annual convention in Portland by passing a resolution which decried the modern role of the farmer as "the Vanishing American."

In a policy statement introduced on the assembly floor Friday (Jan. 8), the producer organization asserted that government policies adopted since World War II have given preference to labor and industry through continuous price increases, but that farmers have become "second class citizens."

The grower group proposed that the Government make a wholesale review of its trade policies toward increasing U.S. wheat trade with Communist nations. The NAWG resolution specifically recommended removing the requirement calling for the use of U.S. flag shipping for overseas trade and the revision of international credit arrangements on wheat sales.

The wheat organization asked that growers be permitted to plant grain on diverted acreage as a deterrent to soil erosion. NAWG members expressed need for a reduction of surplus Government wheat stocks and a simplified farm program for the future.

The present voluntary certificate program should be continued for a period of at least four years, NAWG recommended, but certain of its features require revision to equate farm income with that of other industries. These include, the resolution said, full parity for domestic wheat, increasing the number and value of export certificates and more freedom in applying the feed grain substitution clause.

Governor Mark Hatfield declared to the 350 delegates that an adequate world food supply is the most crucial problem of our time. Hatfield stressed the importance of wheat production and market expansion as a major challenge facing the nation and its farmers.

Anson Horning of Kansas, president of NAWG, responded to Hatfield's address and reported on the association's activities during 1964. He stated that increased income for the wheat farmer has been a major objective in considering revised federal wheat legislation.

Horning presented figures comparing the increase in industrial hourly wages since 1930 with the rise in wheat prices during the same period. He pointed out that, while the industrial wage index has risen by 365%, wheat prices reflect only a 214% increase over the past 35 years.

A keynote address was given by Congressman Graham Purcell (D., Tex.), wheat subcommittee chairman on the House committee on agriculture. Purcell reviewed the passage and results to date of the 1964 wheat-cotton program, and speculated on the outlook for 1965 legislation.

"The Agricultural Act of 1964 was the result of a long, tough battle," he said. Without the active support of President Johnson and Agriculture Secretary Freeman he asserted, there would have been no new wheat legislation during the year.

"In that case," Purcell stated, "instead of experiencing a very small decline in income from your 1964 crop as compared with 1963, you would have experienced the sharpest decline in wheat income since the 1930's."

The Texas solon called for more unity among farmers in all commodities if Congress is to apply itself to improving farm income in the future. "Agriculture can never hope for support from an essentially urban Congress," he said, "if it cannot bring forth proposals which have the united support of the farm people."

Ray O. Mertes chided his audience for what he called "confusing the public" by using specialized terms in discussing farm problems.

"You lost us laymen," he said, "when you persist in talking about 'acreage diversion' and 'parity.' You can't expect any real understanding, let alone sympathy, on the part of the general public until you start talking about your business in terms we can understand."

A speech by Dr. John Schnitker, agricultural economics director of the Department of Agriculture, defended USDA policies as being of optimum benefit to wheat farmers in relation to international trade conditions and U.S. public opinion.

"As the new Congress gets underway," Schnitker warned, "feed grain and wheat producers should be under no illusions about the prospects for extending voluntary acreage diversion programs and associated price supports. These programs have succeeded admirably in supporting farm income and reducing grain surpluses, but it is no secret that they are costly in terms of federal expenditures." He said that the 1965 feed grain-wheat program will cost U.S. taxpayers nearly \$2.5 billion.

The closing day of the convention was devoted to passage of committee resolutions and the seating of the 1965 NAWG board of directors. The members of the new board are: (Colorado) E. L. Hatcher, Lamar; (Idaho) Myron Scovense, Malad; (Iowa) Myron Scovense, Malad; (Kansas) George W. Moecker, Garden City; (Kentucky) Melvin Mustoe, Norton; (Lawrence) House, Goodland; (Nebraska) Wayne B. Allen, McCook; (Ohio) John L. Sullivan, Wallace; (Oklahoma) Kenneth Wilson, Alva; (Oregon) Milton Morgan, Lone; (Texas) L. E. Kaseberg, Wasco; (Washington) Melvin Pace Enterprise, (South Dakota) Edwin N. Baum, Murdo; (Wyoming) Leo Witkowski, Hereford; (Washington) Troell Storm, Chugwater; (Washington) Glen Hofer, Waltsburg; Eugene Prince, Thornton; Otto Amen, Ritzville.

Continuing as officers of the national farm organization are: Anson Horning of Larned, Kansas, president; Allen Tom, The Dalles, Oregon, vice president; Ora Martin, Ulysess, Kansas, secretary-treasurer; and Ken Kendrick, Washington, D.C., executive vice president.

**Hermiston Lutheran Youth Here Sunday**

Twenty-nine youth from Hope and Valley Lutheran churches and Trinity church in Hermiston met in Heppner Sunday afternoon to lay plans for a week-end retreat at the churches Bible camp at Tollgate.

Following the planning session, the youth joined in a Hootenanny of Negro spirituals. A pizza feed accompanied the recreation, and closing devotions. Mothers furnished the pizzas and helped in the kitchens.

## Kinzua PTA Adds Books to Library To Honor Cooley

(Held over from last week)

By VIRGINIA KELSO

KINZUA — The Kinzua PTA had its January meeting last Monday night at the grade school with a small attendance due to bad weather.

During the business meeting it was voted to purchase a set of World Book Encyclopedias for the school library. The sixth grade was happy to win the room count banner and check.

Mrs. Pat Hansen, home extension agent for Gilliam and Wheeler counties, gave a talk on 4-H club work and the many clubs and projects that are available.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hollomon and family of Heppner spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hollomon and helped Roger celebrate his birthday Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arna Slinkard were business visitors to The Dalles Saturday. Also in The Dalles Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rice and family and Ed Oyler.

Willis Wright, Jr. of Portland spent Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wright, Sr.

Ernie Wall and son John spent the week-end in Portland visiting with Mrs. Wall who is in Portland for medical care.

**Youth Group Organized**

A new group has been formed at the Kinzua Community church. It is composed of high school students and meets on Wednesday nights. Sharon Mabe is the president. No name has yet been chosen for the group. After a period of discussion, the group played ping pong on a table donated to the group by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nistad.

The Doubledock pinocle club had its first session of the New Year with Mrs. Vi Slinkard as hostess at her home Wednesday night. High and floating was won by Kathryn Flack, low by Marilyn Bailey, and the second floating by Marj Borling. Tossed green salad and crackers were served at a late hour to the winners and Virginia Sitton, Helen Wright, Marge Asher, Vonnie Browning, Virginia Kelso, Lily May Nistad, Ada Schell, and Rita Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McConnell left Wednesday evening for Pendleton to attend the Thursday funeral services for Mr. McConnell's sister, Mrs. Hester Cole who had passed away at Medford. Interment was at Baker. Also attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hulet went to Heppner Wednesday evening where Mrs. Hulet entered the hospital for Thursday surgery. She came home during the week-end and returned to Heppner Tuesday for a check-up.

Horace Smiley received bruises to his back Friday evening when a timber hit him while at work. He was taken to the Aid Station and then to a doctor Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Wayland Hyatt and daughter Theresa went to Portland Friday for medical care. They returned home the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oyler had a chimney fire at their home Friday night but damage was

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week, and still receiving care, include the following: Katie Minert, Heppner; Guy Chapin, Hardman; Edna Breslin, Heppner; James Edwards, Fossil; Eva DeMeritt, Kinzua; Ethel Wood, Fossil; and Kay Cox, Heppner.

Admitted for medical care, then dismissed, was Darrell Jones of Hardman.

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keeling** of La Grande visited friends in the Heppner area over the week-end. Accompanying them was Don Clark, a student at EOC, who visited his parents here. The Keelings' son, Kenneth M., was drafted into army service in December, and is now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman and family spent Sunday at Hermiston and Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mudd and family of Richland, Wn., spent the week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lorange and family and Mrs. Troy Carey and daughter.

Stanley Benson took Vicki Benson, Sharon Mabe and Jim Humphrey to The Dalles Saturday where they took their college board exams.

Seventh graders sponsored a public card party Saturday night at the grade school which was well attended. High for bridge went to Ariene Schroeder with low going to Edward Wham. High for pinocle went to Earl Norris, low to Bertha Allen and floating to Wayland Hyatt and Naurine Benson. Assorted pinocle and coffee were served throughout the evening.

The regular meeting of the Camp 5 Women's club was held Wednesday evening with the 1965 officers as hostesses. Shirley Kyle, president, was in charge of the meeting with seven members present. Committee chairmen for the year were appointed as follows: Ways and Means, Ann Bastian and Carol Norris; Log, Lola Ferrel; Cheer, Eva DeMeritt; Pictures, Barbara Mortimore. The door prize was won by Jean Medlock and for entertainment the members took down the Christmas decorations and cleaned the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McConnell and children left Friday evening to spend the week-end on business in Portland.

## '65 Water Supply Outlook Good; Snow Cover Up

The 1965 water supply outlook for Umatilla, Morrow, and Gilliam counties is good, according to a report released today by A. J. Webber, state conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service and prepared by W. T. Frost, state snow survey supervisor, representing cooperating federal, state, and private agencies. Snow cover is better than average and about twice last year at this time. Soil moisture is near capacity and reservoir storage is good for this early in the season.

Water content of the snowpack on the Umatilla was 141 percent of average and about double last year at this time. These measurements were taken just prior to the Christmas week thaw but recent reports indicate the snowpack has rebuilt to about this same level.

Snow surveys on the Walla Walla were made after the thaw and were 133 percent of average and about 170 percent of last year.

Moisture in watershed soils averaged 82 percent of capacity as measured just prior to January 1. Reports indicate soils are much wetter now and should aid subsequent snow melt.

McKay Reservoir received record inflow of 27,116 feet in December, bringing the January 1 storage up to 30,850 acre feet. This is 153 percent of the 1948-62 average and about 6 times the storage held last year at this time.

Cold Springs Reservoir has 22,206 acre feet or 106 percent of average, but a little less than last year at this time. Feed canal breaks have caused delay in filling the reservoir.

Flow of the Umatilla near Umatilla was low until December when the Christmas week thaw boosted the months' flow to 3½ times the 1948-62 average, according to preliminary data furnished by the U. S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon. Many streams of the area set new record high peak flows.

Spring and summer flows are expected to be average or above if normal precipitation and temperatures prevail during the remainder of the winter and runoff period.

Statewide the chances are



WHEAT WAS the subject when Oregon Governor Mark O. Hatfield welcomed the National Association of Wheat Growers convention in Portland. Shows with the Governor (center) are Milton Morgan (left), president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, and Anson Horning, Larned, Kansas, president of the national farm organization.

## MONUMENT

By MARTHA MATTESON

MONUMENT—Maynard Hamilton, age 55, was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner last Tuesday by Frank Williams and Stanley Boyer after he suffered a 40-foot fall. The ladder which he was using to take down Christmas lights from his big tree slipped and fell throwing him to the ground. He was severely injured, with several broken bones, deep cuts and serious bruises.

Mrs. Stella McCarty took her son, Don, to John Day last Monday evening for medical aid.

L. L. Flower and W. D. Chancé returned last Tuesday night from Othello, Wn., where they had been on business.

The American Legion and

good for above average water supplies in 1965. Snow surveys at selected key snow courses in Oregon's mountain watersheds reveal water content substantially above average for this early winter date. Moisture in the soil mantle of all watersheds is considerably above average as a result of recent record-breaking rains and heavy snow-melt. Reservoir water supplies increased rapidly during December and are well above average with many reservoirs now spilling to make space for flows yet to come.

The next evaluation of water supply conditions will be made about February 5 from snow surveys and other data.

auxiliary held their regular meetings last Thursday night in the hall. They finished plans for the Gay 90 dance planned for next Saturday night in the gym.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansl Martin and two sons and Miss Margaret Martin of Prineville spent a week here with friends and relatives.

Rev. Dick George and Wayne Leathers drove to Heppner Friday to visit Maynard Hamilton in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Howell moved Sunday to Fossil where he will resume work at the Kinzua mill.

Mrs. Thelma Williams is a patient at the John Day hospital, where she entered Saturday with pneumonia.

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